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1. The Szechuan-Tibet highway* is to extend 1,300 miles, from Ch'engt'u to Lhasa by way of Tatsienlu (102-02, 30-03), Kantzu (99-59, 31-38), Teko (98-37, 31-49) and Chiali (93-23, 30-46). The road is open for 530 miles, from Ch'engt'u to Kantzu. The former Nationalist 3 and 7 "Pioneer" regiments are aiding in the construction of this road.
2. In late December 1950 work on the Szechuan-Tibet highway was temporarily suspended because of heavy snow.
3. In February 1951 the work on the Yunnan-Tibet highway which had been temporarily suspended during the winter on account of snow was resumed in the area north of Tali (100-11, 25-43). Laborers were being recruited for the construction work.
4. The Yunnan-Tibet highway is to extend from K'unming by way of Tali, Chiench'uan (99-54, 26-29), Atuntzu (98-49, 26-30) and Ningching (98-30, 29-42), from which place there will be a southern and a northern route to Lhasa. The southern route will be about 1,400 miles long, passing Komai (97-14, 29-12) and K'anlatsung (坎拉桑). The northern route, about 1,550 miles long, will pass Chengtu (sic)**, Chiali and T'ai-chao. The K'unming-Tali section of this highway was opened to traffic on 20 September 1950, when work was started on the Tali-Kaitzushao (99-57, 26-35) section, employing 20,000 workers.*** The road base in this section is to be 5 1/2 meters wide with a maximum slope of 8 percent. Curves will have a minimum radius of 20 meters, and bridges and culverts will support 20-ton loads. The section from Hsiakuan (100-12, 25-24) to Atuntzu, about 500 miles long, is scheduled for completion in the middle of 1951.
5. The laying of tracks on the Chungking-Chengtu railroad is scheduled to be completed as far as Lungch'ang (105-16, 26-21) by the end of July, and as far as Paimuchen (105-05, 29-31) by the end of September 1951. Railroad bridges and culverts are being constructed at Tzuciung (104-51, 26-47) and Tzuyang (104-36, 30-08).

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6. The western terminus of the Lunghai Railroad has reached Peitaofou (北道埠), about 15 miles east of T'ien-shui (105-28, 34-36).****

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